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I am in full support of restrictions on cell phone use during vehicle operation. However, Bill 4 (2009) CD 1, is overly broad in specifying "a mobile electronic device," and leads to unintended consequences for other electronic devices.

For this reason I propose adding this exclusion to paragraph (c):

(3) Operations in the amateur radio service by people licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

The amateur radio service of the Federal Communications Commission has been using two-way radio communications, both mobile and fixed, for more than 50 years, as far as we know, without traffic incident. Except for the radio frequencies permitted, it is no different than commercial two-way radio operations.

Restricting the use as the ordinance proposes, would limit our ability to support non-emergency operations in public service events such as the Honolulu Marathon, and many others, which we have supported for many years. The proposed restrictions would also prevent us from testing equipment and geographical coverage in preparation for disaster responses and emergency communications, in which so many of us regularly participate to support State Civil Defense, the City's Department of Emergency Management, the American Red Cross, VOAD, and other agencies.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Raymond Moody

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